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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE ON POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF US ARMS SALES
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BEGIN SUMMARY: INDIAN NEWSPAPERS ON FRIDAY BRIEFLY REPORTED
KABUL RADIO WARNING TO US AGAINST ARMING PAKISTAN. MOST NEWSPAPERS
COVERED THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (CPI) AND RULING CONGRESS
DEMONSTRATION AT US EMBASSY AGAINST LIKELY RESUMPTION OF ARMS
SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN AND NAVAL BASE IN INDIAN OCEAN. END SUMMARY.

1. SEVERAL DELHI DAILIES BRIEFLY INSIDED AND TWO PAPERS FRONT-PAGED
THE KABUL RADIO WARNING THAT AMERICAN MOVE TO RESUME
ARMS SUPPLIES TO PAKISTAN WILL AFFECT PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES AS ALSO WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY. TYPICAL HEADLINES
"AFGHANISTAN WARNS USA AGAINST ARMING PAKISTAN" (STATESMAN).

2. BASED ON PRESS TRUST OF INDIA AND UNITED NEWS OF INDIA WIRE
REPORTS, THE NEWS ITEMS SAID THAT RADIO KABUL URGED US TO
ABSTAIN FROM GIVING ARMS TO PAKISTAN ON THE BASIS OF AN "IMAGI-
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NARY THREAT" WHICH MR. BHUTTO TALKED ABOUT.

3. NEWSACCOUNTS SAID THE COMMENTARY ASSURED US THAT THERE WAS NO DANGER TO PAKISTAN AND THEREFORE ARMS SUPPLIES TO IT WERE NOT JUSTIFIED.

4. IN BRIEF INSIDE DISPATCHES, SIX OF NINE DELHI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THE PEACE AND SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION'S DEMONSTRATION AT THE US EMBASSY, LED BY SOME MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, PROTESTING AGAINST POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF ARMS SALES AND US NAVAL BASE IN INDIAN OCEAN. MOSCOW-LINING PATRIOT USED THREE-COLUMN PHOTOGRAPH. TYPICAL HEADLINE: "PROTEST OUTSIDE US EMBASSY (CONGRESS PARTY-ORIENTED NATIONAL HEAALD),SCHNEIDER

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